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Dear Reader:

The BLM Wells Field Office has completed a Standards and Guidelines for Rangeland Health Assessment on the Barton Allotment. This assessment displays all relevant monitoring data on the allotment and draws draft determinations on the level of attainment of the Standards and Guidelines for Rangeland Health. The evaluation will be available for review on the internet at the Elko District's website at:

http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/elko_field_office.html. Hard copies of the document are also available from the Elko District Office upon request.

The BLM is seeking input from the permittee, affected agencies, and members of the public interested in livestock grazing management on the Barton Allotment in developing management strategies and alternatives that are in conformance with the Wells Resource Management Plan and that will make significant progress towards attaining the Standards and Guidelines for Rangeland Health. All comments must be received by the Wells Field Office by close of business on Monday, 14 April 2014. Comments may be mailed to the above address, faxed to (775) 753-0347, or e-mailed to:

BLM_NV_ELDO_WellsFieldOfficeGrazingComments@blm.gov

Comments received through this scoping process will be used to develop alternatives to be considered in the preparation of a new environmental analysis and disclosure of impacts to be prepared for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The process will result in BLM issuing a new permit renewal decision for the Barton Allotment.

If you have any questions please contact, Aaron Mier, Assistant Field Manager by email at wmier@blm.gov or by telephone at (775)753-0358.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

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